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"Send the Light"

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Through the courtesy of the departments of foreign and home missions a special reprint edition of this issue will go to 5,000 people who are not regular subscribers. Because of postal regulations, the reprint edition contains only 16 of the original 20 pages in this missionary issue. Our regular subscribers received the full 20-page issue.

Their reason for sending this special issue to so many is twofold. In the first place, they want to get the cause of world-wide missions before as many people as possible and this issue probably contains more information about the work of both these departments than anything which has ever been published in our denomination.

Secondly, they are as anxious to get CONTACT into every Free Will Baptist home as we are and they are using this way to introduce it into 5,000 more homes in that hopes that hundreds of new subscribers may be enrolled. For convenience in subscribing there is a special order form on page 13.

With this issue, CONTACT closes its second year of publishing. Our circulation now stands at close to 4,000. We are extremely anxious to have a consistent circulation of 5,000. You can help us this month. If all of our present subscribers would send one or more subscriptions as a birthday appreciation gift, and all of those who receive the special reprint edition from the missions departments would send their own subscription we would go over the top. May we count on you?

Every month the honor roll for the "Every Church Family" Plan continues to grow. You can see on page 19 how many churches are now using the plan to see that every member receives the denominational paper.

We hope we are not being too insistent about it, but this plan is absolutely the answer to a successful church paper. The *Baptist and Reflector*, organ of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, was struggling along, much as we are, with a few thousand circulation until the churches started using the "Every Church Family" Plan. They now circulate 60,000 copies weekly in the state of Tennessee! The amazing results are due to far-sighted pastors who led their churches in adopting the plan.

The plan simply means that the church provides every family the denominational paper as regularly as it provides other pieces of literature for their study and spiritual development. The plan is simple: The pastor or clerk sends us the names and addresses of all member families and we enroll them as subscribers. We check the list carefully against our present circulation and give credit for any subscriptions already in force.

Once each quarter the church is sent a statement for the papers sent and a sheet on which to list any names to be added or dropped. An average church with 60 families can give every one of them CONTACT for \$5 a month.

New churches are being added to the Honor Roll monthly. Why not take up the matter with your church and let us add your name next month?



EDITOR'S NOTE: This column is open to any of our readers who would like to express themselves on any subject which would be of interest to the majority of our readers. Please keep your letters to four hundred words or less. The editors will select each month the letters to be used.

Serviceman Writes

Dear Editor:

Having been recently assigned to this area for duty with the Air Force, it is almost impossible for me to obtain any information other than by writing to headquarters. I would like to find out about the price for the newly-published *Minister's Manual* and I would also like to get a current copy of the *Treatise of Faith and Practice*.

Several denominational leaders have been working on an early release for me from the service, but as yet to no avail. In

the interim period we are looking for work in this area which has no Free Will Baptist churches. Perhaps the Lord would have us start a Free Will Baptist mission. We are waiting upon Him for His guidance.

S/Sgt. Malcolm Fry
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Cubans Honor Willeys

Dear Editor:

The Cuban pastors and students all wanted to join the people in the states and do something for Mr. and Mrs. Willey for their 25th anniversary in gratitude for what they have done here in Cuba. Next Tuesday night we are planning a dinner and all of our pastors and students will be coming in from the field to the school. It is a surprise, but we are not sure we can keep Mr. Willey here without telling him what is happening. They are giving them a gift and planning a program for them.

Lucy Wischart
Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Cooperative Note

Dear Editor:

There has been some talk about our churches not tithing to the Cooperative from their building fund offering. I do not believe the church should hold back the

tithe on this part of their offerings. All the time we were paying off the note on our building, we did not fail to tithe on the money received just for that purpose.

I believe God will bring even more money into the building fund if a church will honor Him with the tithe of that money. In our church the tithe is paid on money coming from every department of the work. "Bring ye all the tithe" covers the total, not just a part.

Rev. Charles Craddock
Dothan, Alabama

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What It Means

To Be a Missionary

Bessie Yeley



With varied emotions I sit down to write my last letter as a missionary to Cuba. As I sit here wondering what to write, my mind goes back to the beginning of my missionary career, so I have decided to briefly relate a little of what the Lord has done for me during the last twenty years.

When the Lord called me to missionary service I had no specific country in mind other than Latin America. I chose Venezuela as my first field, having the assurance that the Lord would have me to work there. In May 1935, I set sail for that land in company with Miss Sylvia Cushing stopping enroute at the little island of Barbados, where her parents were working as missionaries under Miss Esterbrook.

After spending a month in Barbados, we set sail for the island of Trinidad, expecting to enter Venezuela there, only to find that the rules of Venezuela had been changed and we had to have a special permit to enter, so we returned to Barbados to await our permit which never arrived.

Enters Venezuela

I enjoyed my stay on that little island very much and could help in the work as the people there were English-speaking colored folks. Miss Esterbrook invited me to stay on there but I did not feel that was the will of the Lord for me, so after three months of waiting, I decided to return home again.

On June 30, 1936, I again set sail for Venezuela, this time having received permission to enter by the way of Caracas. I

traveled alone and many and varied were my experiences, and it was marvelous to see how the Lord went before and removed every obstacle from my path. I stayed in Venezuela from 1936-1942. I was very happy there although it was very primitive. I lived in an adobe house. It was my first experience with strange food and combating tropical insects. There were no roads to speak of, so we only traveled because of necessity, never for pleasure.

There were many difficulties to be found on my first field, but I will only mention a few. First came language study, and the experience of being left alone on the field after five months of study. Then financial difficulties as I had no regular salary, having gone out under Mid-Missions, a Baptist faith mission board. I had to care also for two native girls in the home and many times we scraped the bottom of the meal barrel, but always the Lord supplied in one way or another. He always answered just in time.

Ill-Health Proves Enemy

My worst enemy on the field was ill-health. I had to make a trip to the States after a year and a half on the field. While I was home the National Association of Free Will Baptists met and decided to provide my salary although I was serving under another mission. I praise the Lord for those experiences, for although they seemed hard at the time, they strengthened my faith and prepared me for the other hard years that were ahead of me.

In 1942 the Lord again spoke to me, this time about changing my field of labor to work among the Cuban people under our own mission board. This time I did not have to spend precious time in studying Spanish, but could go to work at once. My first field was Rio Seco where I served as pastor for two years. Those were among the happiest years of my missionary life in Cuba. I then spent a few months in Vinales after which I went to help in the Bible School in the Cangre.

Taught in Cuba

Although I never thought that teaching was my vocation, I enjoyed having a small part in preparing boys and girls to go out and give the gospel to their own people. I also enjoyed going out on week-ends to teach in Sunday schools and to give messages as the opportunity presented itself.

Words cannot express the joy that I have experienced during my twelve years in Cuba. Although my old enemy, ill-health, followed me there I can say that the Lord gave me victory and I was able to carry on for Him. When I went to the mission field, the Lord gave me the verse in Joshua 1:9 and it has been my stay through all the years that followed and I feel sure that it will still hold good through all the years to come.

Now to Mexico

In this year of 1955 there has come still another change in my life. It seems that the Lord would have me transplanted to still another field, that of working among the Mexicans in Texas and Mexico. Although they will be a little different from Cuban people, they are of the Latin American race. I will still be able to speak Spanish which has come to be almost as familiar to me as my native tongue.

Although it was very hard to leave the Cuban people whom I had learned to love so dearly, I feel that I will learn to love the Mexicans equally well when I come to know them.

So now I am leaving those twenty years of foreign missionary service behind. They were years of sunshine and shadow, but I can truly say, "Lord how great has been thy faithfulness to me." As I look forward to the new field, I am sure that the One who has been so faithful in the past years will continue to do so in the years that lie ahead. And to you who have been so faithful to me in the past years, I feel sure you will not fail me in the future ones. I am depending on you and I can say with the apostle Paul, "I thank my God on every remembrance of you."

EDITOR'S NOTE: There is probably no better way we could begin this special missionary issue than with these words from the pen of Miss Bessie Yeley who has recently joined the ranks of home missionaries after serving as a foreign missionary for twenty years. While the words of her testimony are heartwarming, those who know her are aware that between the lines there is much in quiet, unassuming, devoted service to Jesus Christ that has not been, and indeed could not be, put into words.



Eva Luoma Photo

A long line had formed on the dusty sidewalk bordering the main street of a south Georgia town. There was an air of tense excitement and anticipation, as if something great were about to happen. It seemed that attention was focused on a building which housed the office of the senator from that state.

At last the door of the office opened and the senator himself stepped out onto the veranda. Immediately the loud talking and bantering up and down the line of black folk stopped—a hushed silence gripped them all. They listened for the senator to speak.

"Friends," he began, "we're not going to waste time nor words. You all are here to get the official word on what the government is going to do for you. Well, I have it here, confirmed and signed by the President himself. Every family amongst you that can qualify will get forty acres and a mule. That's all. Thank you."

Freedom and a Chance

Forty acres and a mule! To most of the former slaves standing there in line this represented a fortune. It meant freedom and a chance to work for themselves and enjoy the fruit of their own toil. It meant respect and dignity that was rightly due a human being. It meant that a man would no longer be penalized simply because his skin was black.

Many of the Negro families were never to receive their forty acres and mule. An invasion of land sharks and carpet-baggers from the north started an era of speculation and land-swindling that robbed many of them of their rightful inheritance.

Forty Acres

and a Mule

Damon C. Dodd

In the midst of all this, however, there was a ray of hope. In Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, a group of Free Will Baptists, under the sponsorship of the General Conference purchased property on a high hill known as Camp Hill, and opened a school for Negroes. The school was

later incorporated, for the express purpose of ministering to the spiritual and education needs of the colored people.

This effort was singularly blessed of the Lord and missionaries were sent into the southland to minister to these Negroes. Churches were organized and hundreds of souls won to the Lord. Prospective teachers and preachers came out to this group and they were helped in their preparation by interested groups.

Ten Million Unchurched

This Free Will Baptist effort in those days is an indication of the challenge which faces us in our day. We have an obligation to share the gospel with these colored Americans of our own land. The need for the gospel among the Negroes is pressing and urgent. Latest figures show that the colored population in the United States is 15 million. Of this number 9½ million live in the city and 5½ million are in the rural areas. It is estimated that at least three-fifths of the Negro population in the rural areas is unchurched and three-fourths of the urban population making a total of unchurched Negroes of 10 million.

This is a vast mission field in itself! And



Missionaries Sent to South

Under the leadership of Dr. O. B. Cheney, president of Bates Free Will Baptist College, in Lewiston, Maine this amount was soon raised and the school opened in 1867.

In Northwood, New Hampshire, in June, 1867, the Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board met for its annual session. One of the principle items on its agenda was to discuss ways and means of getting the gospel to the freedmen. A group known as "The Commission for the Promotion of Education in the South" was formed, and



A regular Bible training class for Negro children is sponsored by the Highland Park church, Detroit, Mich., and is conducted by workers from that church.

it is located right in our own home territory. What an opportunity to evangelize these 10 million people and win them to the Lord.

In isolated instances we are doing something about it. A letter from a group of workers from our Highland Park church in Michigan tells of the work which they are doing among the colored folk in their area. They sent along a photograph showing a group of Negro children that were in a Bible training class.

Assist in Bible Schools

One of the practical work groups of Free Will Baptist College has an assignment in a home for Negro children and they carry on a profitable ministry there.

The First Church in Tulsa, Okla., where Rev. John H. West is pastor provided materials and teachers for a vacation Bible school in a nearby colored Free Will Baptist church this past summer. They report a successful school and a wonderful fellowship between the two groups.

These are but a few instances of what is being done in this connection. And more must be done. We send missionaries to Africa and pay their travel expense for thousands of miles so they can win the Negro in Africa to Christ. But while we are doing this, a few object to preaching the gospel to the African in our own country.

Responsibility to Evangelize

We do not propose to integrate the two groups, but we are declaring our responsibility to get the gospel to these people who are lost without Christ in a land where the gospel is free to all.

Our failure to give the gospel to our Negro citizens will be a greater crime than was committed against them when they were robbed of their "forty acres and a mule."

Foreign Missionaries

So that church groups and individuals may know how and where to write our missionaries, we are giving below a complete list of foreign missionaries who are serving under the Free Will Baptist board.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie, Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Miss Lucy Wisehart, Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Miss Laura Belle Barnard, "Westfield" Kotagiri, South India

Miss Volena Wilson, "Westfield" Kotagiri, South India

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk, Kishanganj, Purnea Dist., Bihar Province, North India

Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna, Kishanganj, Purnea Dist., Bihar Province, North India

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery, 325—2 Chome, Nakameguro, Meguro-Ku, Tokyo, Japan

Mrs. Harold Stevens, Mseleni Mission Station, P. O. Ubombo, Zululand, South Africa

Plans Revealed for 1956 United Revival Crusade

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The national Home Mission Board will sponsor the simultaneous revival campaigns in 1956 under a new plan which was approved by the national association in Tulsa, Okla., this summer.

The denomination will be divided into two regions, the south and the west-northwest. States south of the Ohio river and east of the Mississippi will be in the southern region while the states north of the Ohio and west of the Mississippi will be in the latter region.

The plan calls for revivals in the southern region during the month of March while April will be the designated month in the west-northwest region.

The 1956 campaign is to be known as the "Free Will Baptist United Evangelistic Crusade" and the general theme will be "Calling to Repentance — Challenging to Service."

Promotional and advertising material is now being prepared and will be ready for distribution by the first of the year. Featured this year will be posters for outdoor billboard advertising attractively done in two colors. The Home Mission Board suggests that several Free Will Baptist churches in the same locality secure billboards on a share-the-cost basis and advertise the campaign in this manner.

There are several advantages in the campaign being set up on the proposed plan. 1) It will make more ministers available for evangelistic services, 2) it will set the revivals at a time when weather conditions will be more favorable in the various regions, and 3) it will make for more definite local emphasis.

Further information will be forthcoming as plans are perfected.

Sunday School Conference

HUNTINGTON, W. Va.—The second in a series of regional Sunday school workers' conferences will be held here November 9-11, according to Rev. William Mishler, secretary of the national Sunday school department. These conferences are sponsored by the department.

The conference will embrace Sunday schools in the tri-state area of West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky. Sessions will be held in the Thomas Memorial church here. Rev. Carl Vallance is pastor. Leading the workshop groups will be Rev. William Mishler, Rev. John H. West, Rev. O. T. Dixon, and Mrs. Ralph Staires. Also appearing on the program will be other competent personnel.

A special program feature will be youth night on Thursday night, November 10. Churches are urged to make arrangements for the complete staffs to attend.



The Prayer Fellowship

J. REFORD WILSON, Leader

"The prayer power has never been tried to its full capacity in any church. If we want to see mighty wonders of divine power and grace wrought in the place of weakness, failure, and disappointment, let the whole church answer God's standing challenge, Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not!"—J. Hudson Taylor.

Ask others to join with us this month in praying for the following requests:

▶ Pray for the churches and pastors which have made pastoral changes that the work of the Lord through Free Will Baptists may continue to grow.

▶ Pray for the mission work in India. Thank the Lord for the gift of property given to the Free Will Baptist missions in India. Pray especially for the missionaries and the Christian natives.

▶ Pray for the Oklahoma state convention which meets October 18-20 at Central Avenue Church, Oklamoma City.

▶ Pray for the public school teachers of our nation that they may give the right example and instruction to our children.

▶ Pray for the missionary conference to be held in Nashville, Tennessee at the Bible College November 22-24.

▶ Pray for Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of FWBBC, and for Rev. Burkette Raper, president of Mt. Allen Junior College.

▶ Pray for Rev. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley as he enters medical training to become a medical missionary.

▶ Pray for Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Lee, home missionaries in the state of Nebraska.

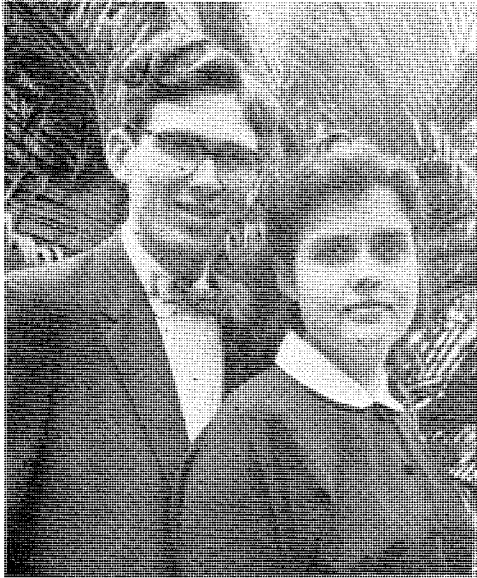
▶ Pray that more churches will adopt the Co-operative Plan of Support that the work of the Lord among Free Will Baptists may advance.

▶ Pray each month that "the Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Readers and friends are invited to send personal requests for prayers. They will be listed with either your name or initials, whichever you prefer, and hundreds of members of the Prayer Fellowship will join you in prayer for your request.

Called Forth to Serve

Raymond Riggs



TOMMY AND EMMA RUTH WILLEY

If a part of the 13th chapter of Acts were being written today it might read as follows: "Now there were in certain Free Will Baptist churches preachers and teachers, and as they ministered to the Lord, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Fred and Evelyn, Tommy and Emma Ruth, Sam, Wanda, and Esther for the work whereunto I have called them."

This, in substance, is what the Holy Spirit has done and the seven new missionary candidates pictured on this page have been approved for foreign service.

REV. AND MRS. FRED HERSEY

Application has been made for Rev. and

Mrs. Fred M. Hersey and baby to enter India, but due to the changing policy of the Indian government it is very possible that the application may be turned down. Should this door be closed they propose to join the Calvery's in Japan. They are now living in Clinton, N. C., and Mr. Hersey is pastor in West Clinton. He is a graduate of Bob Jones University and attended one year at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Mrs. Hersey is a graduate of the Bible College.

REV. AND MRS. TOMMY WILLEY

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr. plan to go to Cuba after this school year as full-fledged missionaries. They are currently attending Columbia Bible College in South Carolina. Mr. Willey is graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and his wife, the former Emma Ruth Bennett of Bridgeton, N. C., has completed one year of work there. Mr. Willey is the son of missionary parents.

REV. SAM ZIADY

Rev. Sam Ziady is from Beirut, Lebanon, and graduated last year from the University of South Carolina. He hopes to return to the Near East as a missionary among his own people. His brother enrolled in the Free Will Baptist Bible College this year.

MISS ESTHER RUEHLE

Miss Esther Ruehle, graduate nurse, is the most recent candidate approved by the



EVELYN AND FRED HERSEY

Foreign Mission Board. She is a member of the Highland Park church, Detroit, Mich. Miss Ruehle has served on the mission field in China and India and is anxious to return to this work. The board is asking for special prayer that a visa may be granted for her to re-enter India.

MISS WANDA EDWARDS

Another graduate nurse, Miss Wanda Edwards, has accepted a temporary position as county health nurse in the state of Kentucky while waiting to submit a second application for entrance into India. Her first application was denied by the Indian government.



ESTHER RUEHLE



SAM ZIADY



WANDA EDWARDS

New Areas in Home Missions

Reveal Needs, Opportunities

One of the most challenging opportunities facing the Free Will Baptist denomination for the coming years is her home mission responsibilities on the continent of North America. And in the face of the rapidly increasing population in our own United States, we are going to have wonderful opportunities to organize and build many new Free Will Baptist churches.

Results of a recent survey made by the National Council of Churches shows vast areas in our own country where the population has completely outgrown the churches. Into many of these places the church has not even come as yet. The responsibility of expanding the church's program to meet this pressing need is just as binding on the Free Will Baptist denomination as on any other group.

This is God calling Free Will Baptists. There has never been a more opportune time to make a real investment for the Kingdom of God. He calls, and our only justifiable answer is to do our best to make available to the American people as many Free Will Baptist churches as possible. In this manner, by joining hands in a concerted effort, our efforts become so much greater and accomplish so much more. A united Free Will Baptist witness here at home will pay rich dividends to our worldwide program of missions. This is a real opportunity given to us of God to "lay up treasures in heaven."

An old couple who loved the Lord supremely had made a large gift to help a Christian college back in the days of the depression. After the check had been written, the little old lady said to the preacher who was receiving the gift for the college, "All that we will have in our hands when we stand before Christ will be what we have given away for Him here below."

And who would say that this is not so?

New Areas of Population

We are prone to think of the homeland of being a well-defined, tightly drawn area whose population is pretty well established and set. This is not necessarily true, as a look at the following figures will reveal.

While you are reading this page, 6 to 10 people will be added to the population of

our land. We have had a net gain in population in the United States of over 2½ million every year for the past seven years.

Closely checked estimates by the United States Census Bureau, confirm the fact that we gain one new resident every 12 seconds, for a daily total of 7,200.

Between 1940 and 1950 the population of our country increased by 19 million or 14.5% and this pattern has been continuing since that time. In the first 27 months following the 1950 census, 38 states and the District of Columbia gained in population on an average of 3.4%, with some localities showing a 10% increase. By 1960 the forecast is that the United States population will surpass 175 million.

The greatest single factor in over-all population increase is births. For several years they have gone over 3½ % million but the final 1954 count topped 4 million. The Census Bureau says that there is a baby born every 8 seconds somewhere in the United States.

These are not just figures, *they are people.* They mean that more things are needed for everybody—more food, more clothing, more housing, and **MORE CHURCHES!** We, as a Free Will Baptist denomination, can and must help provide more churches.

New Areas of Need

These new communities, these new cities, these new industries all say loudly that we are living in a dynamic age. New frontiers of opportunity are constantly beckoning millions of Americans.

The one thing that strikes one who is thinking in terms of the church is that in these new communities, the builders give no advance thought to churches. Schools and civic centers are planned and areas set aside for these buildings, but not so with the church.

Once the people get settled in their new communities, they are eager and willing to support a church, but the problem is a building. This is almost completely beyond their means, inasmuch as most of them are paying of their homes and supporting their families at the same time.

However, the urge to worship God is so strong, and the realization that no commu-

A challenging article by D. C. Dodd, home missions secretary, showing our increasing needs and expanding opportunities in the homeland.

nity is complete without the church is so demanding, that in literally hundreds of such communities over the land people are organizing churches in makeshift quarters and are carrying on from there until they can do better.

Since they are in new and expanding communities, these churches will grow rapidly. In a few years they will get to be self-supporting and will begin contributing to home and foreign missions and to the other work of the denomination.

The Home Mission Board has been able to help in a very limited way, some of our churches in such communities to get started. And they have paid back many times that amount in just a very short time.

Today there are 70 million unchurched people in our United States. How many of them do you suppose are of Free Will Baptist families? They need help and need it now. Our Free Will Baptist families ought to be willing to give them all the help that they can in order to get them in touch with the church. And this spirit ought to extend out to the least one of the 70 million unchurched folk in our country.

We need a loan fund within our Home Mission Board to assist these people in getting started with a church, and thus lend them a helping hand. They'll pay back many times over! Let's give them a hand now while they need it.

New Areas of Opportunity

America has always been a land of opportunity. From the very earliest ventures in colonizing, right up to the present, she has always afforded opportunities for those who wanted to take advantage of them.

This opportune land of ours has given rise to a dream that has made our people the most progressive in the world. Driven by dreams of success, they have been always seeking where they can best develop their potential. In the early days of our country this dream pushed them westward where there were new lands and new opportunities awaiting. It is still the driving force which is behind the fact that millions of our people are pulling up stakes and migrating to new communities.

Records released by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches shows that nearly 133 million people moved between April 1947 and April 1951. This figure broken down shows that 97 million moved within the same county, 18 million moved to a dif-

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Cuba's Children for Christ

Lucy Wisheart

I have just been back a short time from the summer's work in Bible schools. Over and over I have to thank the Lord for the wonderful opportunity I have had, because it was a real time of blessing for me.

A Cuban girl, one of our students accompanied me and helped in the teaching. We had seven Bible schools and at the same time we were having the Bible school we had services at night. The Bible schools were held in only seven of our churches but all together we had services in eleven different churches.

In the first Bible school after the last service three children came to me and said they wanted to be saved. I took them in the room behind the church and explained the way of salvation to them and prayed with them and I believe they were really saved and will stay faithful. Later on a mother who was not a Christian herself came bringing her little girl telling us that the little girl wanted to be saved. There was a total of five children saved that night. Our hearts were filled with joy as we saw the fruits of the week's work.

We never had large numbers of children enrolled in any place and in some places it was because we absolutely could not take care of them, because there was room to have only two classes and with twenty children in a class it is difficult to teach handwork and give special attention to each one.

Every place I visited I saw such a great need of buildings to worship in that it almost made weep. Your heart would have been touched if you could have seen how the children many times would get down on the floor to do their handwork because there was no other way to do it. We had a total enrollment of about 350 children and the highest average attendance was at Jaruco in Melitino's church. It was a great blessing to me to see how the young people of the church worked to bring children and take them back home and also helped in the classes.

At one place I saw something which I had never seen before. After giving the closing words at the last service all the children began to clap their hands and then started screaming because they did not want us to go. We had to stop up our ears and began to wonder what we could do to get them to hush. Finally above the noise I asked them if they wanted to have their picture made and this quieted them down.

There was a total of fourteen conversions and many of them were adults and young people. In Melitino's church a lady was saved for whom they had been praying a long time.

This was a new experience for me to spend weeks in the Cuban homes eating with them and fellowshiping with them. My heart is filled with joy as never before because I came to know our pastors and

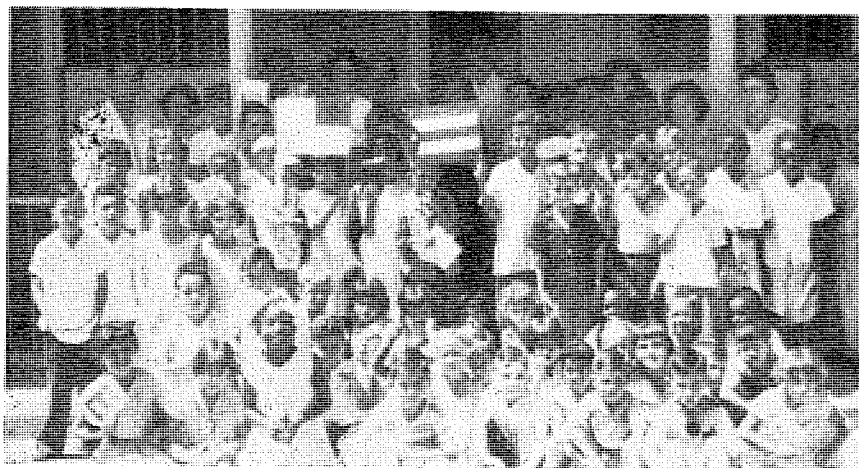


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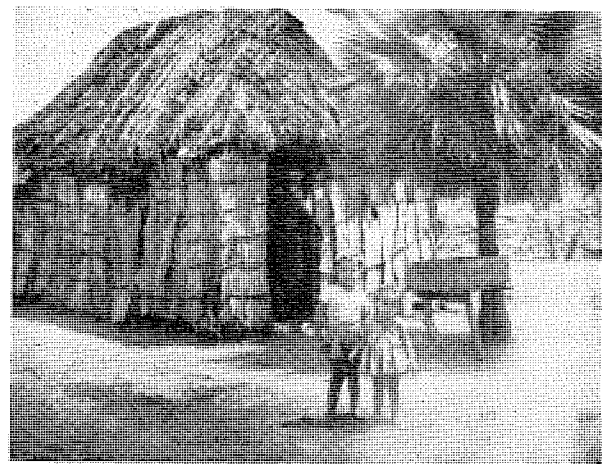
our people. We have wonderful Christians and I am sure the work is going to grow even more in the future.

We arrived at one church to find that the pastor had just left to take his wife to the hospital and probably would not return during the week. We were feeling very downhearted not knowing what to do because we were a long way from the school and it was a week before we were to start the other Bible School. We went to the service that night and I had the idea to return because we were going to stay with the pastor and his wife so we didn't know what to do, but after the service the Christians came up to us and asked us not to leave for they would take care of our meals and we could stay in the pastor's house. We finally felt that was the answer and I am sure it was all of the Lord because we had a wonderful week there and three young men were saved.

God has done wonderful things in Cuba and all of you would rejoice to know that you have had a part in making these possible, in sending the Gospel to those who have never heard.



Children attending Bible school at Jaruco, Cuba, pose for their picture with the Christian and Cuban flags in front of the church where Melitino is pastor. This was the largest of seven schools conducted.



Here is a typical Cuban farm home with two of the thousands of children who need to be reached with the gospel now. Your missionary offerings help sponsor Bible schools such as those described in this article.

It Happened In Our Garage

Wesley Calvery

How would you like to attend church every Sunday in a garage with nothing but apple boxes for pews? Well, that is just exactly what we do and we have already had some wonderful experiences there.

Any American coming to Japan notices the vast number of children. They seem to be everywhere in numbers which is hard for foreigners to believe. It is not that Japanese families are large but their houses are very close together and very small, so all of the children must play in the streets.

When we first came to Japan, it was the children who touched our hearts first. Between our house and the bread shop (about a block away) we are always greeted by about 50 little round smiling faces. Some of them greet us in Japanese but most of them greet us with "haro", which we have learned is supposed to be the English word "hello." In fact, no matter which direction we walk from our house, we always meet such children.

Began Sunday School

Thus we decided to begin a Sunday school in our garage. Students from Japan Christian College were invited to be the teachers and boxes were obtained from the fruit market for the seats. Since then, at 2 p.m. every Sunday we have had Sunday school. So far there is not much that we can do to help the teachers because we can not teach in Japanese yet. But Aileen plays her accordian and I help out with the singing. (It is easy to sing in Japanese, even if you don't know the meaning of the words.) At present there are 50 students enrolled with an average attendance of about 30. It is a wonderful experience to hear them sing "Shu ware o aisu" (Yes, Jesus Loves Me.)

This week we had three evenings of special meetings for the children. There were Bible story slides shown. For these meetings we had about one hundred children packed into our garage each night. We trust that our Sunday school attendance will increase as a result of these meetings.

Adults Study Bible

A few days ago I was discussing with my landlord plans for a contract for next year. His wife told me that the people of this community were very glad that we had come here to live and that we were making the community a better place to live in because they had better children as a result of the Sunday school. She said they did not want "Wesuri San and Arin San" (Wesley and Aileen) to leave their community. We plan to live here another year before we

Missionary Tells of India Labors

In the center of Free Will Baptist mission work in North India is the city of Kishanganj. Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna are working in this area now replacing Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Cronk who are home on furlough. Mr. Cronk describes our work as follows:

Kishanganj is a town of about ten thousand people and is the pulsating heart of our district. The partition has thrown heavy rail traffic through it as this area is the narrow neck that connects Assam with the rest of India. It is close to Pakistan and Nepal. It has become a center for some of the central government offices as well as being the subdivisional government headquarters. It is also the home of doctors, lawyers, rich landowners, and has a fairly large jute industry.

There are no resident Christians here. We have a mission house, and another house in which is our chapel, public reading room, boys' hostel, servants' rooms store room, and guest room. We have three Christian boys in boarding. We feel that this is a necessary service. Rather than trying to provide a school for the Christian boys, we felt that we could give them a Christian "home" and atmosphere as well as Bible training and let them attend the public school for their academic studies.

Our Christian community is so illiterate and backward and weak we thought that if we could take a few young fellows and train them, then when they go back to their villages they will set up Christian homes and become leaders for the community and church and be points of contacts for us. This has been a rewarding work thus far.

One of the boys, Gopal, had given us much trouble and we were about to give up in despair and send him home. Then one Sunday in the morning service I led him to the Lord and he has really become a new creature in Christ Jesus. If you could have heard him, of his own desire, stand before his own people in our yearly conference and preach with holy fire, you would have wept, as we did, in thanksgiving.

The people were at first surprised, then awed, then moved. His father sat with his mouth open, then wept. Gopal, a lad of hardly fifteen years, preached with many Bible verses in a clear and systematic way. I trust that God is calling him into the ministry. He is more sensitive, at present, to things of the Lord than any Christian in the entire area.

establish a permanent mission station in some other locality, so please pray for these children that they will receive a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Not long after we began our Sunday school, one of the teachers suggested that we have a Bible class for adults in the evening. The first meeting was held in our living room. It was seen from that first meeting that our 10' by 12' living room would not be suitable for a meeting place, so the evening meeting moved to the garage, too. Since then we have had adult meetings every Sunday night with an average of about 12 in attendance. They do not seem to mind sitting on the boxes for an hour and a half singing and listening to the Bible lesson. I could not help but think of the way we Americans complain if the church pews are not just right.

Young Man Saved

One evening Oda San, a young man of about 22, came to our house. He did not speak English at all but we soon learned that he was interested in our evening meeting. He had studied the Bible some at the YMCA and wanted to learn more. I talked to him about two hours, in my broken Japanese, and learned that he wanted to become a Christian. I gave him some literature and invited him to the meetings on Sunday evenings. He came the next Sunday and seemed very interested in the gospel.

A few days later we went to a conference of missionaries about 125 miles from Tokyo. The morning we left, when we got up at 5 a.m. Oda San was waiting in the street to tell us goodbye. He stated definitely that morning that he wanted to become a Christian. (Such times as these makes me want to study the language harder so that I can lead such people to Christ.) Three weeks later, after talking with one of our teachers for about three hours, he became a Christian.

Two Christians in Group

How wonderful it is to know that the Lord has used the meeting in our garage to lead this boy to Christ. Incidentally, even though he is very poor, he immediately offered to help support the Sunday school with his meager finances. Pray for him and many others in this community who need Christ. Last Sunday there were 20 adults who attended the meeting. Among them only one lady and Oda San were professing Christians.

This harvest field presents a challenge for us to work and a challenge for you to pray. As we do our part here and you do your part in the States, I am sure the Lord will reward us all for the results of the Sunday school and meetings which are held in our garage.

Recovery and Reunion

The merger of the northern Free Will Baptists and the Northern Baptists almost wrote "finis" to the Free Will Baptist cause in the north and northeast. The record shows that more than 1,100 churches with a combined membership strength of 100,000 were directly affected by the action, and that of this number at least 600 churches and 58,000 members were irretrievably lost from the Free Will Baptist movement.¹

In addition to the loss of constituency, there was a considerable loss of funds and property. The minutes of the 1917 meeting of the General Conference show that \$180,000 in home mission funds and \$250,000 in foreign mission funds were channeled into the American Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Society. All Free Will Baptist property in India was taken over by this joint Society as was extensive home mission property.

Three major colleges also went to a joint Educational Board, eventually to be lost entirely to the Northern Baptists. They were Bates, of Maine; Hillsdale, of Michigan, and Rio Grande, of Ohio, not to mention several smaller institutions.

Local Property Surrendered

Local church property was surrendered in a wholesale manner to the merged body, later to become the legal holdings of Northern Baptists. This came about largely through an arrangement insisted upon by the General Conference in 1892 and again in 1895 when, by conference vote, the local churches were instructed to deed all property to the district or state association to which they belonged.²

Thus a church in the Susquehanna Yearly Meeting of New York decided its property to "The Susquehanna Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists, and (or) its successors and assigns, forever." This process was repeated in almost every one of the constituent bodies of the General Conference and on the strength of such provisions the churches became the property of the merged group. Today the American Baptist Convention is still busily engaged in taking up these deeds and claim-

Damon C. Dodd

ing the property regardless of the wishes and desires of the local congregation.

While visiting in northeastern Maine in 1953, I had occasion to examine the deed to the Free Will Baptist church in Deyer Brook, Maine. The "successors and assigns" clause was included and the United Baptist Convention of that state was pressing its claim for the property. I also had access to the minutes of the church which showed that in 1932 they congregation voted unanimously not to affiliate with the convention and the action was reaffirmed in 1934. In spite of this, however, the property was to be taken from the local group and given to the convention.

Protests Ignored

And so the process was repeated over and over again. The people protested vigorously and numbers of them withdrew from the affected churches and joined other groups. Other Baptist denominations moved in and gleaned these dissatisfied members and organized them into Regular and Conservative churches. Free Will Baptists began to lose their identity, so that today there are but a few of them remaining. Only recently has any effort been made to move in and reclaim them for our cause.

In a previous article it was pointed out that the southern Free Will Baptists were not a part of the General Conference in the north. The real cleavage had come in the 1850's over the slavery question. Sometime near the close of the 1800's a General Conference was organized in the south, consisting of churches from North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Tennessee. This conference succeeded in holding the work in the south intact and prevented the merger from seriously affecting the churches there.

Southern Conference Died

Soon after the turn of the twentieth century, Dr. Peden came into the leadership of the Southern Conference and for several years his ability and ingenuity served to keep it in good shape. However, the interest among the churches began to lag and Dr. Peden, being now an elderly man, became unable to assume the demands of leadership. In 1911, the General Conference of the South met for what proved to be its final session in Florence, Ala.

It was at this meeting that Dr. Peden delivered his farewell address and stepped down from the helm, having flung the torch of generalship to younger and steadier hands. But the hands to which it was thrown did not receive the challenge and no one was found to "stand in the gap." Thus, the Southern Conference died and for several years there was no cooperative movement among the southern groups.

Conditions in the west and southwest were even worse than in the south. Many of the churches in the area had been affiliated with the General Conference and a legal battle to retain their property now ensued. Supreme court decisions in Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois, and Texas gave the local church property to the merged groups, leaving the Free Will Baptists destitute and homeless.

Western Conference Proposed

Their ranks thus shattered, the people were scattered and practically all semblance of denominationalism disappeared. Some groups remained intact despite their property losses, among them the Nebraska Yearly Meeting and the Missouri state association. Groups were also alive and organized in Oklahoma, North Texas, and Arkansas, as well as in the tri-state area of Kentucky, West Virginia, and Ohio.

In Nebraska were two mighty men of faith who loved the Free Will Baptist cause and who had bitterly opposed the merger. These men, Reverends John H. Wolfe and G.S. Lattimer, in conversation one day began to think on ways by which western Free Will Baptists might be drawn back together. In the summer of 1916 they visited the Missouri state association and talked with some of the leaders there. The outcome of these conferences was a decision to call all western Free Will Baptists for a conference late in the year to propose the organization of a General Conference of the West.

Organized in 1916

On December 28, 1916, representatives from Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and North Carolina met at Philadelphia church, near Pattonsburg, Mo., to discuss the proposed organization. Much enthusiasm was manifested and soon it was decided to perfect the organization then and there. Officers elected were John H. Wolfe, moderator; Ira Waterman, clerk; D. E. Mann, treasurer, and Samra Smith, general secretary.

The name chosen was "Cooperative General Association of Free Will Baptists." The session continued for three days and

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the final article of this series next month Mr. Dodd will deal with the organization of the National Association. Happenings since 1935 will be included in the book which will be ready for distribution the last of November. The book will contain all the articles appearing in this series, with many of them expanded by additional history, plus pictures. Full information about price and how to order will be given next month.

was climaxed on December 31 in a "glorious spirit of revival."³

The Cooperative Association was set to hold regular meetings tri-annually, but conditions warranted a called meeting the following year. So on Wednesday, December 26, 1917, the association met at the Tecumseh Free Will Baptist College, Tecumseh, Okla., in an adjourned session from the first tri-annual association. At this meeting the Rev. J. F. Duckworth of Missouri read a lesson from Psalm 103 and prayer was offered by the Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams of Oklahoma. A Divine Service committee composed of Reverends Samra Smith and H. M. McAdams of Oklahoma and Deacon J. D. Fowler of Missouri was appointed.

Others Swell Ranks

The first order of business on Thursday morning, December 27, was the reading of petitionary letters from the following associations: Washita of Oklahoma, Hopewell of Oklahoma, Center of Oklahoma, First of Oklahoma, Tri-State of Kentucky, West Virginia, and Southern Ohio, and West Fork of Texas. All of these associations were received and the delegates seated.

On Thursday afternoon a Committee on Business was appointed on which were named Reverends S. L. Morris, Oklahoma; H. B. Conley, Kentucky, and R. F. Pittman, North Carolina. On Saturday this committee gave a partial report embracing the following resolutions:

1.) An expression of thanks to Brother William Fuller of Elm Creek, Neb., for a \$500 gift to Tecumseh College toward an endowment of the chair to be known as the Fuller Professorship of Systematic Theology.

Missionaries Approved

2.) A recommendation that the Cooperative General Association raise an additional endowment fund of \$20,000.

3.) A Free Will Baptist song book was to be printed, with Rev. Samra Smith named as editor.

4.) Reverends H. M. and Lizzie McAdams were endorsed as missionaries to the Barbados Islands to be supported by the association. In this connection it may be stated that a Miss Esterbrook had been in the Barbados for several years as a missionary under the sponsorship of Nebraska and Kansas Free Will Baptists.

Events of earth-shaking importance were taking place at the time of this meeting and the association recognized them in two resolutions adopted by the body on Saturday afternoon. They are presented herewith exactly as recorded in the minutes of the session.

Prohibition Favored

"In view of the fact that our national Congress has passed a resolution submitting to the several states of our union for their ratification an amendment to the Federal Constitution for nationwide prohibition, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we, the Cooperative General Association of Free Will Baptists, representing 300,000 members in many states of our union, heartily endorse this

proposed amendment and pledge our earnest support to secure its ratification."⁴

World War I was raging at this time and General Allenby and his forces had just occupied Jerusalem and Palestine, having taken it from the Turkish forces. The body, in view of the recent victory, adopted the following resolution:

Noted Palestine Victory

"In view of the fact that Jerusalem, a city in Palestine where Jesus did His mighty works and planted Christianity, also the place of His crucifixion and resurrection, and where He gave the great commission that we are under today, it having been in the hands of the Turks for over 400 years, these same Turks deny and ignore the principles taught by the Son of God, but Jerusalem is now in the hands of a people who love and reverence the Christ, our Saviour, and His teachings, therefore be it

"Resolved, That this body use its influence, in whatever way may seem best, to prohibit Jerusalem and the land of Palestine from reverting back to the Turks, or any other heathen nation; also that the same influence be used to stop the slaughter and persecution of the Armenians."⁵

The real purpose for calling the 1917 session of the association was to consider officially an offer which had been made in regards to property for a college. The 1916 session in Missouri had voted to establish such an institution and had charged an educational committee with the responsibility of locating a site and perfecting purchase plans.

College Opened

Through the efforts of Reverends J. E. Bean, W. A. Dearmore, H. M. and Lizzie McAdams, all of Oklahoma, and others, the city of Tecumseh was ready to make an offer. On January 12, 1917, a meeting was held with the business men of Tecumseh, headed by Mr. E. L. Rosebush, president of the Tecumseh National Bank. They offered to the Free Will Baptist group for denominational college purposes, the Indianola Business College property, with five acres of ground having a three-story brick building, 40 by 60, and a frame building, 30 by 40. This property, along with a cash consideration of \$1,000 was given as an outright gift to the denomination.

Mr. Wolfe was chosen president and he moved to Tecumseh soon thereafter and made plans to open the school. They observed opening day on August 6, 1917, and the school was opened to students on September 12.⁶

Faculty Named

The faculty for the first session consisted of Rev. John H. Wolfe, president and head of Department of Theology, Philosophy, and Fuller Professorship of Systematic Theology; Rev. S. L. Morris, secretary and lecturer in Department of Sacred History and Apologetics; Mrs. Delia S. Wolfe, Department of History and Languages; Mrs. Grace I. Morris, Department of Mathematics and Physics; Mrs. Pearl K. Smith, Dean of Women and head of preparatory school,

and Rev. Samra Smith, Department of Chemistry and Biology and Department of Expression.

In presenting his report to the association, Mr. Wolfe closed by saying, "Our policy stated before has been and is, 'No debts to be made,' so that all that has been done comes before you for your approval without one dollar of indebtedness upon it."

Church Paper Started

The denominational organ adopted by the Cooperative Association was named *The New Morning Star*, and in December, 1916, was set up in Weatherford, Texas, with Rev. S. L. Morris as editor and an initial circulation of 500. From the report of the editor to the association in 1917, the following is taken: "The subscription list (500) has grown until it has almost doubted itself during the past year . . . Rev. Samra Smith, editor of the *Biblical Beacon*, came with the proposition of consolidation . . . and placed at the disposal of the denomination his entire office fixtures, without money and without price. . . Then comes Brother W. C. Austin, editor of the *Pruning Hook*, with suggestion of consolidation and willingly turns his subscription list to the *Star*, making one paper of the three."⁷

The body adopted the report and voted to approve the relocating of the *New Morning Star* from Weatherford to Tecumseh.

One of the highlights of the 1917 session was the dedication of the college property in Tecumseh in a special service on Sunday morning, December 30. The service, as recorded in the minutes, proceeded thus:

Dedication Service Recorded

"Rev. John H. Wolfe, president of Tecumseh College, presented to Rev. C. E. Mann of Missouri, treasurer and custodian of all legal papers of this association, the deed and abstract of the college property showing no indebtedness. Mr. Mann responded with proper words of thanks to the people of Tecumseh for their gift and then led in prayer.

"Rev. Ira Waterman read scripture lesson from II Chronicles 6:12-22.

"At 11 o'clock, Rev. Robert F. Pittman of North Carolina was presented and preached the dedicatory sermon. . .

"At the close of the sermon, Rev. Samra Smith offered the prayer of dedication after which the congregation sang, 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.'"

Thus the conference adjourned to meet in Paintsville, Ky., on Wednesday, December 25, 1918.

So in this manner the scattered remnants of Free Will Baptists slowly began to come back together. In the concluding story next month we will follow the revival of the General Conference in the east, the fellowship which gradually developed between the brethren, and the organization of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

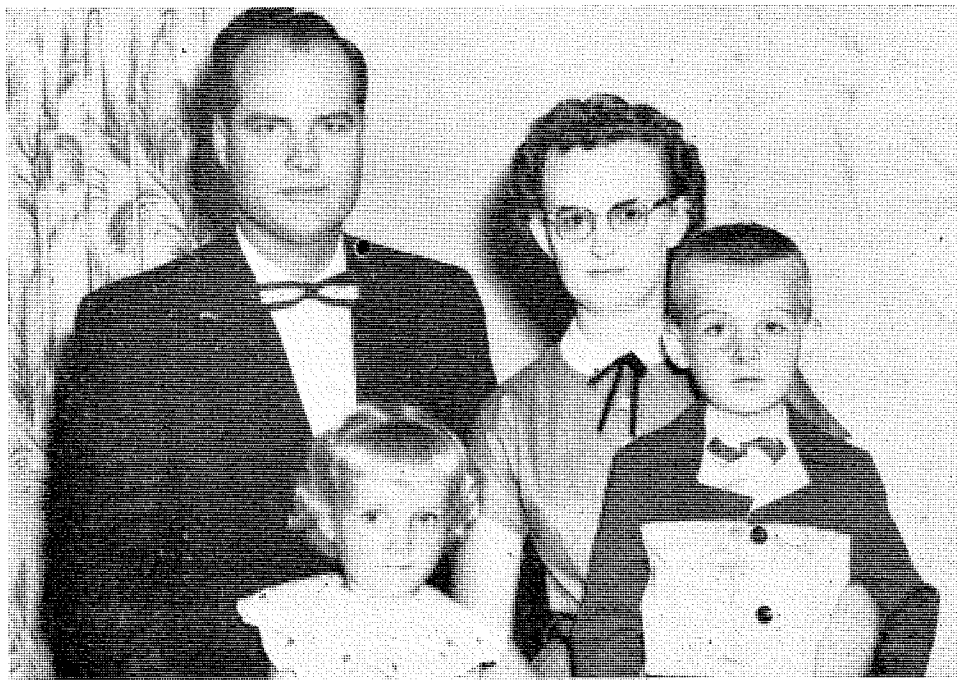
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²Digest of General Conference Law

³Minutes of First Cooperative General Association, 1916

⁴Minutes of First Adjourned Session, 1917, p. 8

⁵Ibid. ⁶Ibid., p. 13 ⁷Ibid., p. 20



Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Postlewaite, Susan, and Joseph

New Fields Opened as Mission Teams Move into the Northwest and Mexico

Free Will Baptist home missionaries have recently gone into two localities where there has been no previous Free Will Baptist work, and first reports indicate that their new work is off to a promising start. The fields are Oregon-Washington, and Mexico.

Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Postlewaite have been in Milton, Oregon since August 9, having gone there under the auspices of the Home Mission Board to take over as resident missionaries. Milton is located on the Washington-Oregon line and is only a few miles from Walla-Walla, a city of 40,000 and Richlands, population 22,000. Both these cities are prospective sites for Free Will Baptist churches. There are several cities in these two states in which there are no churches of any kind and our team will major on getting into these places with the gospel.

At the present the Postlewaites are living in Milton, Oregon, where they are working with the new group. The church in this place was organized last summer by Mr. Postlewaite.

The Postlewaites are Missourians by birth and Free Will Baptists of long-standing. She is the younger daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George Scott, of Missouri. They have two children, a boy, five, and a girl, three. Mr. Postlewaite attended Free Will Baptist Bible College and has had wide experience as pastor-evangelist. He resigned a pastorate in McAlester, Okla., to go to Oregon for the Home Mission Board.

For several years our denomination has been contemplating going into Mexico with the gospel but no definite beginning could ever be made due to several factors. Recently, Mexico was assigned to the Home Mission Board and almost at the same time the Lord opened up the door for us to go in.

Rev. James E. Timmons, who has had 12 years of ministry among the Mexicans came to the Free Will Baptists and requested that we send him to work back among them. He stated that he was in complete agreement with our doctrines and subsequently passed a rigorous examination before the presbytery in Texas. He and his family are members of Bryan, Texas, church.

At present, we have Free Will Baptist missions in Laredo, Texas, and two in Mexico, with good prospects for other work in Mexico as soon as Mr. Timmons can reach them. It is a slow and cautious process, in that the Mexican government is not too favorable toward Protestant missionaries. This, plus the fact that all church property must be deeded to the Mexican government, which puts the church under government control, makes for severe difficulty. Our missionaries will minister largely in the smaller towns and rural areas and will have contact in this manner with thousands of people who have never heard the Gospel.

Statistics show that Mexico has a population of 28 million and a Christian popula-

Home Mission Funds Drop

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Income for national home missions was lower for the months of July and August than usual. This decrease coming at the very time when two additional home mission teams were sent out has put the department on a near-critical basis. Up to the present we have been able to maintain our missionary salaries, but many of our incidental accounts have had to go unpaid.

In order to operate, there must be a minimum income each month of \$2,000. This will take care of the barest essentials and will not allow for any operating reserve or any fund from which to assist new churches. We have on file at the present time approved requests from new churches totalling more than \$600, which cannot be paid until our income is stepped up to at least \$2,500 per month.

This is a most urgent matter and one which certainly merits the deepest concern and prayers of every loyal Free Will Baptist. We cannot afford to curtail our program or recall any of our missionaries, for they are literally indispensable to the places which they are now filling. Yet, unless our receipts increase sharply, we will be forced to eliminate some phase of our program. And this would be the grossest of sins, in view of the challenging opportunities which face us now.

August receipts are as follows:

Alabama	\$ 38.52	Oklahoma	61.51
Arkansas	48.36	Oregon	39.27
Florida	34.50	South Carolina	54.00
Georgia	6.87	Tennessee	135.78
Illinois	27.45	Texas	47.36
Kentucky	51.00	Virginia	28.97
Michigan	106.34	West Virginia	17.63
Missouri	466.45	Miscellaneous	204.37
North Carolina	141.88		
Nebraska	16.16		\$1,572.92
Ohio	10.00		

Please do your best for the Lord and for national home missions in the days that lie immediately ahead.

tion of approximately 200,000. There is one missionary for 82,000 population.

Miss Bessie Yeley is in Laredo to assist in the Mexican work. She will take with her some fifteen years of experience among Latin American people, and should render a most effective service. As this work develops you will be hearing more about it and the opportunities and obligations which are ours because we've stepped through Mexico's open door.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The annual missionary conference will be held again this year during Thanksgiving week, according to a joint announcement from the departments of foreign and home missions. The conference is sponsored by these departments.

Scene of the conference, which will open Tuesday night, November 22, will be the auditorium of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. Prior to the opening of the conference, the Board of Foreign Missions will be held its semi-annual meeting beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

Among the speakers will be Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk, Rev. James E. Timmons, Dr. L. C. Johnson, Rev. Sam Ziady, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, and others who will be announced later. The conference will close at noon Thursday, Nov. 24, with a commissioning service.

Soldier Converted in Korea Plans Return As Missionary

A soldier who was saved in Korea in 1952 through the ministry of Billy Graham plans to return to that country with his family as a missionary.

This is the heart's desire of Mr. Floyd Wagner, member of the Free Will Baptist church in Jacksonville, N. C. When Mr. Wagner arrived in the States after his tour of duty in Korea, he and his wife moved to Jacksonville where they joined the church of which Rev. Lee Whaley is pastor in August, 1953. They now have a son, Danny James, who is one year old.

During a missionary conference held there in June, 1955, they dedicated their lives to missionary service in the country where Mr. Wagner had seen such desperate needs.

Present-day Korea has been appropriately called "land of heartbreak and opportunity." Politically, Korea in modern times was never given a chance. Too late she opened her doors to the rest of the world, and when she did she soon found she was menaced, practically surrounded, by voracious neighbors—China, Russia, and Japan each fought for dominance over a land not their own.

During the long struggle much blood has been shed in Korea.

There are over 300,000 widows in Korea. There are said to be more than 260,000 orphaned and homeless children, some of them now so used to an entirely uncontrolled life, living by their wits, rummaging for refuse, thieving where they can, knowing no restraint and wanting none, that they are becoming and may long be a very great moral problem. There are a total of 800,000 refugees in the country and more than 500 Christian pastors in North Korea were liquidated.

It is to this land of heartbreak and opportunity that Mr. and Mrs. Wagner propose to go. Let us pray for them as they make plans to enroll next January in Free Will Baptist Bible College to begin their training.



Even Better Cows

Missionary work not only makes better men—it can make better cows. At any rate, this is what Rev. Thomas H. Willey, director of the work in Cuba, believes and he has some pretty convincing evidence to back up the statement.

The pictures above are part of his evidence. The inset shows a scene at the Havana airport on July 3, 1952 when a Swiss bull and some pedigreed goats were being unloaded. The animals had been given Mr. Willey on a visit to the States. The larger picture shows a fine calf, much different from the usual scrawny Cuban calves, which is an offspring of the Swiss bull.

To be sure, Mr. Willey says, the main objective of missionary work is to reach

lost souls with the gospel, but in so doing the general living conditions of the country will always be improved. This fine breed of cattle is an outgrowth of one of his special missionary projects.

Utilitarianism says, "Give men better houses, higher wages, purer air, more wholesome water, and by improving their circumstances you will improve their constitution". Christianity says, "I will strive to improve men, for I know that no sooner will men feel beating within them new and potent energies than they will set about to improve their external conditions."

Utilitarianism *does* men good. Christianity *makes* men good—even better cows in many instances.

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New Areas

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ferent county, while 17 million moved to a different state.

There has never been a time in the history of our country when we have had such mass movement. It accounts for the tremendous rise in many states of population, especially in some of our western states.

New communities are springing up almost over night. Fields and pastures are being converted into building sites for hundreds of new housing projects. And in many of these developments there is no church of any kind. What an opportunity for us to plant churches in these new population centers. It is one of our most pressing challenges in home missions.

New Areas of Evangelism

Every Free Will Baptist church member has the privilege and responsibility of bringing the work of God to all the people of our country. Those of us who have church buildings in which to meet, those of us who have Godly, consecrated men for our pastors, are too often inclined to take our blessings for granted.

Mere lip service will not suffice. Christianity depends on a militant body of lay men and women who not only will practice Christianity in their daily lives, but who will do their utmost to spread the Word to every nook and cranny of their country.

These visionaries who believe in evangelism and want to spread the good news of salvation to all who are not enlisted or who have not heard are the forces that will enable us to do something about it denominationally.

Evangelism is more than a theological term. It can be a living, breathing, spiritual force that can do more to help us solve our complex national and international problems than all the theories or military campaigns or laws or anything else. We must do our part in evangelizing America for the greater glory of God.

Today there are 70 million Americans without church affiliation. Many of these live in the 10,000 towns and villages where there are no churches of any kind. Forty million of these live in the southland where our Free Will Baptist denomination is strongest. Most of these are young people with growing families. They need new churches for the new frontiers in which they live.

Other denominations are meeting the challenge! The spirit of missions and evangelism on which our denomination was built will be greatly weakened unless we quickly accept our responsibility to our unchurched fellow Americans and our Mexican neighbors to the south of us and our friends in Alaska and to the north of us.

Let us act now. God being our helper, we can and will be successful in such a venture.



Home Mission Map Shows Churches In Strategic Areas and Old Mexico

Minister to be Honored by Home Missions Offering

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — November and December have been set aside this year for home mission months according to the national association Calendar of Activities. These dates were verified by the Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary of the denomination.

The month of November is state missions month while December is national home missions month. However, the national department has been given permission to use the month of November in those states where there is no local home mission program. The remaining states will observe December as national home mission month just as they did last year.

In memory of the late Rev. John H. Wolfe, who was a pioneer home missionary among Free Will Baptists this year's offering will be designated the "JOHN H. WOLFE Offering" for home missions. Thanksgiving week beginning November 20 will be "Home Mission Week" and we are urging each church in the states where there is no local home mission program to receive a special offering for national home missions during that time. This offering may be sent direct to the national home mission office or earmarked and sent through the state office.

December 18 is to be "Home Mission Sunday" for the churches which cannot observe home mission week in November. They are being asked to follow the same procedure in sending their funds to the Home Mission office.

With our additional missionary teams on the field, it is extremely urgent that all of our churches respond to the "JOHN H. WOLFE Offering" for home missions.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists has enjoyed an ever-increasing growth since 1935, but the past three years have been nothing short of phenomenal.

Reports clearing through headquarters show that more than 500 new churches have been organized since 1952. The map shown here locates about one-half of these new groups. Each black dot represents a new church.

A careful study of the map reveals three things. We are gradually closing the gap between the west and the midwest. You will note that we are pushing from both directions to make the bridge complete. While you are reading this, two other spots are being readied. They are Roswell and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

We are also strengthening ourselves in strategic localities. Note the new organizations in the Tennessee-Virginia area, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Florida. In these areas for a long time there had been no new organizations. Strength began to wane and programs stagnant. Then revivals sparked new churches began to spring up and the result is more than gratifying.

Now look south of our Texas border and see the churches in Mexico. Actually, these are only mission points as yet, but we hope they will eventually grow into full-fledged churches. At any rate, they are Free Will Baptist missions and represent the very first Free Will Baptist effort in that direction.

In the next few years the map will change again for Free Will Baptists. With new churches springing up in Washington and Oregon and with other groups planned for Arizona and New Mexico, we will soon form a continuous chain of churches across the continent from east to west. Plans to set up Free Will Baptist work in Alaska means that soon we will join hands with Mexico as we span the north and south reaches of our land. And all of this we do to the glory of God!



Women's Auxiliary

LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

Women at Work

Stewards of Our Potentialities

MRS. LILLIE MAE SASSER

Stewardship is an important phase of our Woman's Auxiliary work. During the year we study many books on the subject treating the different phases of stewardship. Under this subject I would call your attention to the fact that Christians do not possess the same potentialities.

We each have our individual share of spiritual responsibilities and the important task is how we manage and build to each of them. God does not give us more to do than we are capable of doing. We may, in our own selfish desire for prestige and honor, try to take on more only to find later that we became failures.

For a complete description of stewards and their potentialities I would ask you to read Matthew 25:14-30. There is a key phrase in verse 15 that deserves more than a casual reading: "He gave... to every man according to his several ability."

Are you aware of your obligation regarding that which has been entrusted to you? Have you accepted your assignment as a personal charge and are you doing your best to successfully serve the course of our Lord. I am reminded of the chorus used in Bible school, "You have a talent, use it for the Lord; you have a talent, use it for the Lord. If you do not use it, you will surely lose it; you have a talent, use it for the Lord."

Have you ever met anyone who couldn't do something? Be it ever so small and insignificant, yet it has its reward. We cannot base our possibilities on someone else's accomplishments. If so, many ministers would have to give up in despair because they aren't a Billy Sunday or a Billy Graham. The thing that counts with each of us is that we do our best with what we have. You are responsible only for your own capabilities.

As we scan the fields of service for members of the Woman's Auxiliary our eyes should not fail to see the young people who are in our college and institutions learning to be better stewards. Are we meeting the

challenge and doing our best to provide the best for them? They have surrendered their lives to be used of God. Are we helping double their original sum of talents, or are we "digging" and "hiding" our means and hindering their progress.

It may be true, as you are saying, that you do not have much to give. If so, then the Lord doesn't require much. Just serve with what you have, where you are, willingly and gladly, and when the accounting time comes your reward will be as great as the one who had greater potentialities. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48).

We may not be able to boast of money or talents, but time is the equal possession of all. The accounting of our time will be just as important when our Lord comes to reckon with us as stewards as will be our possessions. Time spent with God in prayer prepares the individual to carry out his daily task and opens up new fields of service. Most auxiliary members are mothers and have been blessed and entrusted with children.

What are we doing for them? Are we giving time to train them? Or have we opened the door and pushed them out into the evils of the world in order to have the time to ourselves? Little can we know of the future of our children when we have them cuddled in our arms, but it is our duty and privilege to train them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The most valuable training a child can receive is from its mother.

The best environment and greatest heritage a child can have is a genuine Christian home with daily Bible reading and a family altar. This is our duty and it will require time to discharge it.

These are our potentialities. God expects our best. The future of our families and our denomination depends in a large measure on what we do as stewards of our potentialities.

To give a little from a shining store,
Is that to give? To give and feel no loss,
Is that to give as Christ gave on the cross?
To share the crumbs of happiness we gain
With those who weep apart, to give our best
Of healing sympathy to hearts in pain,
To give our labor when we fain would rest,
This is the charity men knew when he
First breathed that word by starlit Galilee!

Mrs. Sasser is an active auxiliary member and former officer of the North Carolina state auxiliary convention. She is from Goldsboro, N. C.

The district convention of Northwest Brazos association met in first annual session August 25 at Amarillo, Texas. Officers elected as follows: Mrs. E. J. Wilson, Odessa, president; Mrs. L. C. Pinson, Hobbs, N. Mex., vice-president and field secretary; Mrs. Etta Lee Bevil, Amarillo, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. D. K. Taylor, Amarillo, corresponding secretary; Rev. E. J. Wilson, song leader, and Mrs. Pat Thomas, Artesia, N. Mex., pianist and assistant secretary. Chairmen named were Mrs. Emma Holman, Amarillo, youth; Mrs. Clea Webb, Hobbs, N. Mex., study course; Mrs. Barbara Miller, Amarillo, stewardship-prayer, and Mrs. Irene Wood, Artesia, N. Mex., personal service.

Golden Gate district convention of California met Aug. 6 at Modesto. Theme was "Declaring His Glory through Personal Service." New officers elected at Sylvan Park church in Nashville, Tenn., recently. They include Mrs. Christine Boyd, president; Mrs. Hallie Wall, recording secretary, and Mrs. Mary Garrett, corresponding secretary. New chairmen are Mrs. Tiny Broadway, enlistment; Mrs. Avis Sublette, youth; Mrs. Fannie Mae Wall, study course; Miss Ernestine Mitchell, program-prayer; Mrs. Grace Brown, personal service, and Mrs. Blanche Love, stewardship. GTA leaders are Mrs. Betty Long and Mrs. Eleanor Cutler and circle meeting chairmen are Mrs. Delores Burns and Mrs. Jackie Carter.

Liberty district convention of Florida met August 27 at Piney Grove church, near Chipley. Rev. D. C. Dodd addressed delegates from six auxiliaries. New officers are Mrs. Etha Mae Owen, president; Mrs. Oma Owen, vice-president; Mrs. Corene George, recording secretary; Mrs. Bertie Baxter, assistant secretary; Mrs. Buford Harris, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Annie Lee Harrell, treasurer, and Mrs. Birdie Lee Hartly, field secretary. Chairmen are Mrs. Myrtle Shores, youth; Mrs. Ibra Usery, study course; Miss Faye Peacock, stewardship-prayer, and Mrs. Lucille Cook, personal service.

Rev. Roy Moore spoke to the district convention of Saline association in Arkansas at its meeting August 27 at Willoughby church. Rev. H. Reedy Saverance, host pastor, conducted the installation service. Next meeting at Pine Hill church November 26. GTA at Bristow, Okla., has elected new officers. They are Earl Wayne Meadows, president; Donna Sue Flood, vice-president, and Georgann Hill, secretary-treasurer. Lucy Wisheart YPA at East Nashville church, Tenn., elected Faye Binkley president. Other officers are Janice Douglas, vice-president; Rena Marshall, secretary; Dorothy Andrews, treasurer; Randy Cole, devotional chairman; Carolyn Davis, reporter, and Mrs. Lawrence Davis, sponsor. (See page 20 for additional information.)

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

ROGER REEDS, *News Editor*

Association Meets At Bixby, Okla.

BIXBY, Okla. — Approximately thirty churches were represented at the 62nd annual session of the Grand River association, which convened Aug. 17-20 with an estimated crowd of 1000 attending on the night of August 19. Moderator was Rev. Ed Sunday, Checotah, Okla.; assistant moderator, Rev. Bill Ketchum, Bixby, Okla.; clerk, Rev. Oren Estes, Haskell, Okla. Guest speakers were Rev. Tommy Day of Springdale, Ark. and Rev. Cecil Garrison, Huntsville, Ark. The association voted to buy a tent tabernacle to be used in revival meetings.

Missionary Candidates Available for Services

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr., who will be students this year at Columbia Bible College here are quite anxious to arrange week-end services within reasonable distance of the school. This will be their last year in the states before going to the field as regular missionaries. They are going through school this year more or less by faith and at the same time would like to work in the interest of the foreign mission program.

If any pastors or churches within four or five hundred miles of Columbia, S. C., would like to use Tommy and Emma Ruth for week-end services please contact them in care of Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C. Tommy and Emma Ruth are capable of presenting a very fine service. Tommy is a good preacher and his wife, the former Emma Ruth Bennett, is an excellent musician and they also sing well together. The mission board requests that you use these fine young people while the opportunity avails.

Christian Life To Give Awards

CHICAGO, Ill. — American Sunday Schools will get a new stimulus this year through unique awards to be given by *Christian Life Magazine*, according to Robert Walker, editor. One of the awards will be made to the "Sunday School Superintendent of the Year" and the other to the Sunday school association performing the most distinguished service for the Sunday school year, September, 1955 to August, 1956. Candidates for the "Superintendent of the Year" will be chosen from those submitted by regional Sunday school associations in the United States and Canada. The award will be based on the vision, initiative,

and industry demonstrated by the superintendent and the contribution which his Sunday school has made to the ministry of the church and the spiritual life of his community.

A bronze trophy will be awarded to the association which has done the most for the Sunday school and its community in stimulating them to more effective growth, improved teaching and better administrative procedures.

Promotional Office Announces Associations

TIFTON, Ga.—Rev. E. C. Morris, promotional secretary for the state of Georgia, announces the following schedule of associations:

Chattahoochee—Little Bethel Church (Ideal, Ga.)
—Sept. 30-Oct. 1.
Georgia Union—Little Bethel Church (Rebie, Ga.)
—Oct. 6-7.
Little River—Corinth Church—Oct. 13-14.
Union—Bethlehem Church—Oct. 19-20.
South Georgia—New Hope Church—Oct. 21-22.
Martin—Hebrew Church—Oct. 21, and at New Home No. 1—Oct. 22.
Midway—Zion Church—Nov. 2 and at Cedar Springs Church—Nov. 3.

The state association of Georgia Free Will Baptists will meet with the New Salem church about three miles southwest of Colquitt, Ga., Nov. 15-17.

Wanted! Addresses In Clovis, N. Mex.

CLOVIS, N.M. — Rev. John B. Elliston, 516 Norris St., in Clovis, N.M. would like to have the names and addresses of CONTACT readers' friends and relatives living in or near Clovis. Mr. Elliston has recently moved to Clovis to assume duties as a high school teacher and is interested in beginning a new church there.

New Church Begun At Albuquerque, N. M.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Sixteen were present at the morning services and eighteen were present for the evening services in the first day at a new church in Albuquerque, N. M. Rev. W. W. Winters, who organized the work, would appreciate the addresses of any Free Will Baptists living in the Albuquerque area. His address is Rt. 4, Box 219 at Albuquerque, N. M.

Flat River Church Adds S.S. Rooms

FLAT RIVER, Mo. — A new addition to the First church at Flat River, Mo. is

near completion. It will house a pastor's study and five new Sunday school classrooms. The church recently hosted the Missouri state association. Rev. H. C. Beasley is pastor.

Piedmont Association Meets Twelfth Time

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The ministers' conference, woman's auxiliary conference, and the Piedmont association met in combined meetings at the Wayside church in Charlotte, N.C., Aug. 18-20. The association announces that "all differences between the Reverend Paul Brown and the Piedmont association have been satisfactorily settled and Brother Brown is in full fellowship with this association and is available for evangelistic or pastoral work." Moderator of the meeting was Rev. Roy Rikard, Rev. R. J. Reynolds was clerk.

Amarillo Church Hosts Association

AMARILLO, Texas — The North West Brazos Association held their forty-sixth annual meeting August 25-27 at Amarillo, Texas. There were 192 ministers, delegates, and visitors attending the meeting with 10 churches reporting. The next annual meeting will be held in Hobbs, New Mexico. Following the association the district league rally met with seven churches represented. The Sayre church won the attendance banner, and the Amarillo church won the program banner. The next rally goes to the Artesia, New Mexico, on Nov. 26, 1955.

First Mission Ass'n Adopts Budget

DRUMRIGHT, Okla. — The first Mission Association meeting in session at the district campground adopted a budget of \$12,000 with 80% going to the state and 20% remaining in the district. A resolution called for a loan of \$10,000 to be used to improve camp property. The Mission Board is making plans to start a church in Coffeyville, Kansas. A lot and building have already been secured and an organizational revival will be held in the near future.

Sunday school and woman's auxiliary conventions were held at the same time with 210 registered for the Sunday school convention and 179 registered for the woman's auxiliary convention with 17 auxiliaries represented.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

Wolverine Association Appoints Secretary

HAZEL PARK, Mich. — Rev. Mark M. Lewis, pastor of the First church at Hazel Park, has been selected as part time promotional secretary for the Wolverine association. The association plans to expand this to a full-time status as soon as funds are available to do so. All correspondence regarding the work of the association, except that to the treasurer, should be directed to Rev. Mark M. Lewis, 2100 Stephenson Highway, Hazel Park, Michigan.

Central Avenue Church To Departmentalize

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—The Central Avenue church of Oklahoma City, began full department work in their Sunday School Oct. 1. They will have five assemblies with approximately twenty or twenty-five classes. The Oklahoma state convention will meet with this church Oct. 18-20. Rev. Jack Dodson is pastor.

Flood Victims To Receive Bibles

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The American Bible Society has announced that Bibles will be supplied without charge to stricken families and churches in the disaster area affected by the recent floods. Rev. John Osberg, a district secretary of the Society in Syracuse, New York, estimated it would take 25,000 Bibles to replace those lost or damaged in homes and churches. He pointed out that Bibles in 15 languages, in addition to English, would be needed. The Society emphasized that it will fill requests from all stricken families whether or not they previously owned Bibles.

West Fork Association Meets in 66th Session

FORT WORTH, Texas—The West Fork association met August 30-September 1 at the Trinity church. Rev. Tiff Covington was elected moderator, Rev. C. J. Turrentine, assistant moderator, Mrs. Helen Wilkes, clerk; Rev. J. A. Brooks, treasurer, and Rev. M. L. Sutton, parliamentarian. The 1956 session will be held at the First church, Weatherford.

Missourians Name New "Gem" Editor

ESTHER, Mo. — Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, was named editor of the *Free Will Baptist Gem* at the annual state convention which met August 23-25 at the high school auditorium here. The convention voted to liquidate the physical plant of the *Gem* in Monett and continue publication of the state magazine with the printing being done commercially. They also passed a motion encouraging each church to use the "Every Church Family" Plan as offered by both the *Gem* and CONTACT.

In other action delegates voted to underwrite the salary of Wanda Edwards as a foreign missionary and adopted a state co-operative budget with 70 per cent of all funds going to the national cooperative budget and 30 per cent remaining in the state. Rev. O. T. Allred was named moderator; Rev. Rolla Smith, assistant moderator; and Mrs. Eunice Edwards, clerk-treasurer. The next session will be held at the youth near Niangua.

Prior to the state convention, the Sunday school and league conventions met here with Rev. William Mishler, Nashville, Tenn., as principal speaker.

Texas Church Calls Full-Time Pastor

KIRBYVILLE, Texas — For the first time in fifty years, the Bonami church has called a full-time pastor. The church was organized fifty years ago in a community building. Recently the property was deeded to the church. They have added three classrooms and called Rev. C. M. Whitfield to serve the church. There are now four churches in this South East Texas association.

North Carolina Convention Adopts Ordination Policy

KENLY, N.C. — The North Carolina state convention adopted a uniform examination for the licensing and ordination of ministers at the annual meeting here September 14-15. The largest attendance in recent history was present for the session, which was presided over by Rev. D. W. Alexander. Messages were brought by Rev. L. R. Ennis and Rev. C. L. Patrick. The next session will be held at Beaverdam church in the Pee Dee conference.

Council Ordains Alabama Minister

SLOCOMB, Ala. — The ordaining council of the Union Hill association met September 7 at the Panther Creek church and ordained one young man to the ministry and two men as deacons. Ordained to the ministry was J. B. Smith. The deacons were Edsel Smith and Jack Gilley.

Superannuation Board Gets Promotional Secretary

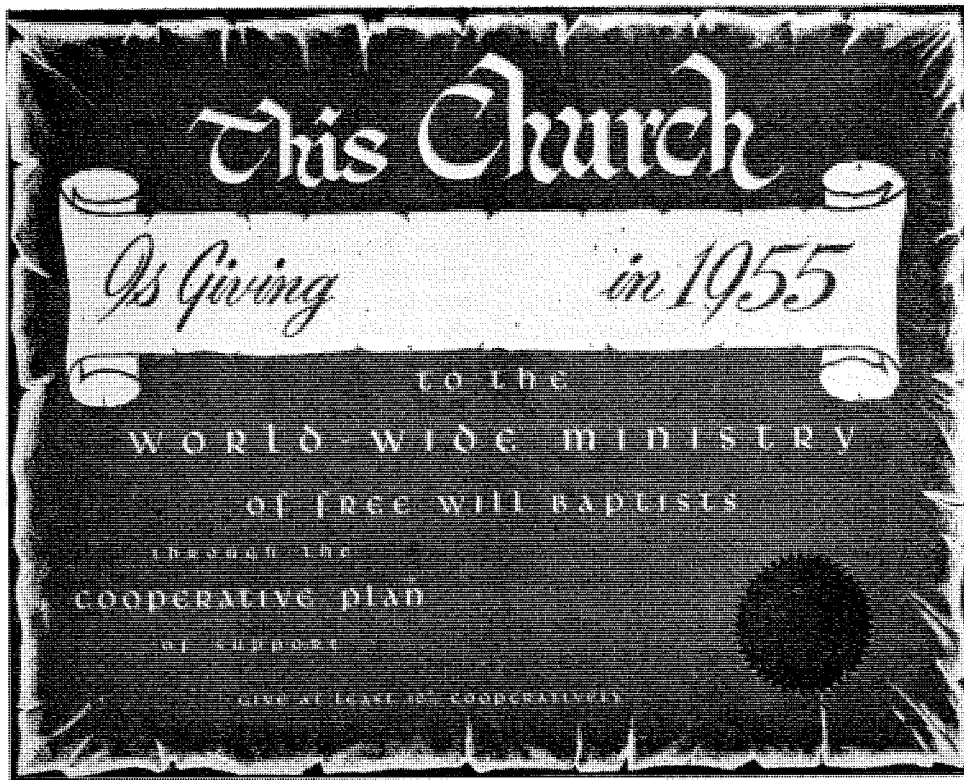
NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Rev. K. V. Shutes, formerly of Blakely, Ga., has established a full-time office at denominational headquarters for the Superannuation Board as promotional secretary. This makes the seventh department to open offices at headquarters. Next month CONTACT will carry a picture and story on Mr. Shutes.

Pastoral Changes

W. V. McPhail to Hobbs, N. Mex., from First church, Amarillo, Texas.
Paul Kettelman to First church, Columbus, Miss., from Mt. Elon church, Pamplico, S. C.
Harry Lee to Fellowship church, McAlester, Okla.
Lonnie DeVault to Holdenville, Okla., from Trinity church, Nashville, Tenn.
Sammy L. Wilkinson to Palmer Memorial church, Nashville, Tenn.
Harvey E. Hill to Berkeley City, Mo., from First church, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Clarence Burton to Ballew's Chapel church, Grubbs, Ark., from Oak Grove church, Charlotte, Tenn.
Bud Arnold to Barren Plains, Tenn., from Welston, Mo.
A. F. Ferguson to Pleasant Mound church, Buffalo Springs, Texas, from Denison, Texas.
Clyde Clearman to Mt. Elon church, Pamplico, S. C., from Erwin, Tenn.
Don Ellis to Healdton, Okla., from Berkeley City, Mo.
Elvis Priest to Phoenix, Ariz., from Holdenville, Okla.

Revival Campaigns

Church	Evangelist	Dates	Dec. Add.
Bristow, Okla.	Gilbert Pixley	Paul Pursell	9/19-
Brittish Chapel, Kinston, N. C.	Walter Carter		9/12-
Camp Branch church, Lake City, S. C.	Walter Carter	M. H. Mellette	9/26-
Beulah church, Pamplico, S. C.	Walter Carter	Julius Vause	10/10-
Southside church, Darlington, S. C.	Walter Carter	Clarence Lambert	10/3-
Fairview church, Rockingham, N. C.	Walter Carter	George Bullard	10/17-
Salem church, Coward, S. C.	Walter Carter	M. H. Mellette	10/24-
Pleasant Hill church, Greenville, N. C.	Walter Carter	Sam Kennedy	11/10-
First church, Hazel Park, Mich.	Dan Cronk	Mark M. Lewis	9/12-18
New Victory Church	L. C. Pinson	Edd Abbott	8/29-9/4



Cooperating Churches get Honor Certificates

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Certificates of honor are ready for distribution to churches who are supporting the Cooperative Plan as adopted last year by the national association. The plan as passed by the delegates urged every church to support the entire work of the denomination by giving a minimum of the tithe of their regular offerings into the cooperative channel.

Cooperative gifts are sent to denominational headquarters where they are distributed to eight agencies of the national association on a percentage basis as voted by the convention. Churches who support through the Cooperative Plan are eligible to display the certificates.

A blank space is left in the panel so each local church may put the amount or percentage of its giving. A new certificate will be issued to every supporting church each year. Cooperative receipts and disbursements for July and August were as follows:

Receipts:

Alabama State Co-operative Program	56.00
First Church, Dothan, Ala.	105.26
State Line Sunday School Convention, Ala.	30.00
Woman's Auxiliary, O'Kean, Ark.	4.00
California State Association	112.98
Northeast Florida Union Meeting	3.50
Southside Church, Paintsville, Ky.	83.00
Webb's Prairie Church, Ewing, Ill.	24.84
First Church, Johnsonville, Ill.	3.00
Bakerville Church, Mt. Vernon, Ill.	25.00
Bethel Church, South Roxana, Ill.	13.90
Philadelphia Church, Detroit, Mich.	5.00
Missouri State Association	1,388.97
Swannanoa Church, Swannanoa, N. C.	101.77
Oklahoma State Association	1,039.06
Little Bethel Church, Conway, S. C.	29.00
East Nashville Church, Nashville, Tenn.	300.00
Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Va.	444.75

Fellowship Church, Bryan, Texas	148.87
TOTAL	\$3,988.90
<i>Disbursements:</i>	
Foreign Missions	\$ 897.05
Home Missions	319.38
Radio-TV	39.56
Executive	1,779.62
Bible College	593.20
Superannuation	162.35
League	79.10
Sunday School	118.64
TOTAL	\$3,988.90

Budget and Quotas for Foreign Mission Board

Budget for Six Months
July 1, 1955-Dec. 31, 1955

Cuba	\$17,580.00	
India	9,600.00	
Africa	75.00	
Japan	1,800.00	
Reserve	6,000.00	
Repatriation	6,000.00	\$35,730.00

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Salaries	\$ 3,700.00	
Receptionist	125.00	
Office & Mailing		
Supplies, etc.	150.00	
Postage	630.00	
EFMA Dues	135.00	
Printing, letterheads & envelopes	1,550.00	
Utilities (Tele., heat, lights, etc.)	80.00	6,370.00

TRAVEL AND PROMOTIONAL:

Board Members	\$ 300.00	
Promotional Sec'y	750.00	
Itinerary Expense	100.00	
Tracts, etc.	350.50	
Films & Supplies	273.00	
Miscellaneous	1,126.50	2,900.00
TOTAL		\$45,000.00

QUOTAS FOR SIX MONTHS July 1, 1955-Dec. 31, 1955

Alabama	\$1,250.00
Arkansas	1,250.00
California	1,250.00
Florida	750.00
Georgia	1,700.00
Illinois	1,750.00
Kentucky	900.00
Maine	100.00
Michigan	5,750.00
Mississippi	800.00
Missouri	5,000.00
Nebraska	50.00
New Mexico	100.00
North Carolina	8,750.00
Ohio	1,250.00
Oklahoma	3,000.00
South Carolina	1,900.00
Tennessee	4,000.00
Texas	1,750.00
Virginia	1,550.00
West Virginia	1,250.00
Miscellaneous	900.00
TOTAL	\$45,000.00



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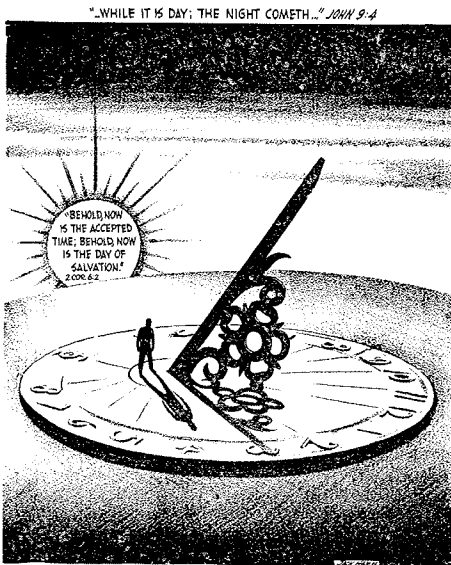
Out in our western country, in the autumn when men go hunting and there has been no rain for many months, a prairie grass fire may be started quite by accident. Sometimes, when the wind is strong, the flames may be seen rolling along as much as twenty feet high destroying human and animal life in the crackling inferno.

When the westerner sees this dreaded sight, he knows there is but one way of escape. Knowing that no horse can outrun the flames, he fires a patch of grass around him then waits in the burned area until the roaring flames pass by.

Men who read in the Bible of the destruction which is to come know that neither man nor machine can travel fast enough to outrun the devastating flames of God's wrath. But there is a place where the fire has passed. God's wrath against sin burned out a place of safety at Calvary. There the Son of God met the champions of evil and won the victory for all who are willing to be sheltered from the storm.



The church in Richmond, Calif., is only 8½ years old, but it has already extended itself to the neighboring city of Oakland where it has purchased property and is sponsoring a new church under the direction of Rev. Bethel H. Robertson. Prior to the organization in Richmond in 1948, the first services were conducted by Rev. Jack Dodson. Rev. E. E. Morris organized the congregation with forty members. The membership now numbers 300, with an average Sunday school attendance last year of 225. Rev. George McLain was the first pastor, serving until 1951, when the present pastor, Rev. Dean Moore, accepted a call. Besides the auditorium and educational building (left), the church has an educational annex and a parsonage on adjoining property.



Because there is a reckoning day when all sin and sinners will be brought to account, the Bible admonishes us to "prepare to meet thy God." There are three questions immediately aroused by this warning.

First, "Why should I prepare to meet God?" Someone has said, "Sin makes it imperative that we meet God; Christ makes it possible." The unsaved are not in fellowship with God for they have not been reconciled by his Son. They are enemies of the Father and need to be in peace when they meet him.

Second, "How can I prepare to meet God?" There is but one way—Christ. There is but one door—Christ! Repentance is the only price of admittance.

Finally, "When should I repent and prepare?" So many are waiting too long. Revivals come and go, church services pass unnoticed, prayer meetings slip by and sinners soon come to the end of a Christless life. Now is the accepted time!

"Call upon him while he is near . . . Isaiah 55:6).—Willard C. Day.

Honor Roll

"Every Church Family" Plan

- Fellowship church, Flat River, Mo.
Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor
- Southside church, Paintsville, Ky.
Rev. Homer Willis, pastor
- Pocahontas church, Ark.
Rev. J. Reford Wilson, pastor
- Airport church, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. Robert Duck, pastor
- Blythe church, Calif.
Rev. Lonnie Rolan, pastor
- Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon, Ill.
Rev. George Waggoner, pastor
- First church, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. John H. West, pastor
- Oak Ridge church, Tenn.
Rev. Milton Crowson, pastor
- First church, Savannah, Ga.
Rev. Louis H. Moulton, pastor
- Beech Springs church, Saltillo, Miss.
Rev. Wilburn Beasley, pastor
- New Hope church, Joelton, Tenn.
Rev. Robert Hill, pastor
- Myrtle church, Mo.
Rev. George W. Scott, pastor
- Horse Branch church, Turbeville, S. C.
Rev. J. B. Chism, pastor
- Leadington church, Mo.
Mrs. Eunice Edwards, pastor
- First church, Hazel Park, Mich.
Rev. Mark M. Lewis, pastor
- Modesto church, Calif.
Rev. O. H. Doss, pastor
- First church, Russellville, Ark.
Rev. Dale Munkus, pastor
- Thomas Memorial church, Huntington, W. Va.
Rev. Carl Vallance, pastor

Who Is My Pastor's Pastor?

It dawned on me the other day that my pastor has no pastor, no human under-shepherd to whom he can turn when days are dark.

Like most church members, I have called my pastor when there was no real need, and he has never failed me. But who is his pastor? Who rushes to his side when the load is heavier than he can bear alone?

It there not something within all of us which cries out for human sympathy and understanding? Is my pastor an exception merely because he is my pastor?

The Saviour, on earth, turned aside to talk with his Father and spent long hours with Him who meets his servants in secret places and who never forsakes them. But our Lord also needed John, and Peter, and James, and others. No doubt, in later years, these very disciples grieved because they slept while he suffered alone in the garden.

I have made a resolution which, with God's help, I shall not break. I am determined that my pastor shall know that I love him; that he shall not lack the sympathetic understanding which I can give. As a member of my church, I shall, in some way, be a shepherd's friend. I can but believe that there are many others like me who will, day by day, stand at the side of the man who has no pastor.—Fishers of Men.

Program Outlined for Auxiliary Workshops

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The executive office of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention has released a suggested program for the fourth quarter workshops to be sponsored by district conventions. The workshop theme is "Now is the Hour to Train" with the scriptures coming from Proverbs 22:6 and I Peter 2:21.

Suggested activities for the day are as follows:

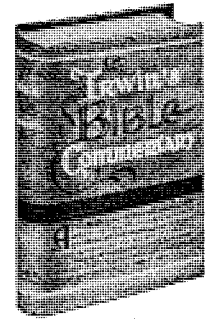
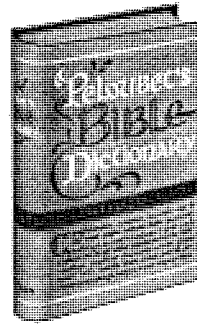
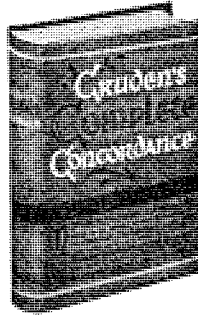
- 10:00 A.M.—Registration
- 10:15 —Hymn, "Jesus Saves" and prayer
- 10:20 —Greetings and devotional by host auxiliary
- 10:30 —Recognition of auxiliaries
—Seating delegates, welcoming new members and visitors
—Minutes and reports
—Appointing committees
- 10:50 —Inspirational singing—"Lord, Lay Some Soul upon My Heart," "Trust, Try, and Prove Me," "Every Day with Jesus"
- 11:00 —Topic 1, "Why Train Up a Child?"
- 11:15 —Topic 2, "The Place of the Home, Church, and School in Preparing Youth to be Christian Citizens"
- 11:30 —Inspirational message
- 12:00 —Lunch
- 1:00 —Devotional
- 1:15 —Departmental training courses
- 2:00 —Special music, "My Task"
- 2:05 —Business session
- 2:20 —Playlet, "Enough to Eat and Left Plenty" (order from WNAC office)
- 2:40 —Adjourn

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"A little girl found a fragment of paper, on which was a picture. She carried it to her father, a poor drunkard, and expressed her delight with the beautiful picture, but the father could see no beauty in it. It represented a father, mother, and a little girl at prayer. 'Just think, papa, if this man praying was you, and this woman was mama, and this little girl was me, what a happy home we would have!' She had her idea of a happy home from an uncle's where she had visited, and in memory of it she appealed to her father. The father's heart melted, the picture prophecy became reality, and all the characters in it are now members of the Free Will Baptist church in Candia, N.H."

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Consecrated, Lord to Thee.
Take her moments and her days;
Leave me mine for my own ways.

Take my weekly offering
That so grudgingly I bring
Yet report as ten per cent
So that more will be exempt.

Take my voice and let me pray
Sundays—maybe twice that day;
Otherwise, O Lord, my mother
Handles prayers for me and others.

Take my children, show them how
Respect is due me here and now;
Make them do just what I say;
Not to follow in my way.

Finally, Lord, at end of life
Make me faithful as my wife,
That together we may be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

—Evangelical Visitor